GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR CONNECTIVITY PROPOSALS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals from the States/UTs to provide air connectivity to various cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals received from the States/UTs during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on these proposals?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Mahesh Sharma)

(a) Requests from various State Governments/UTs have been received to enhance connectivity to their States.

(b) These requests are from Punjab, R:ijnsthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Nagaland, Assam and Puducherry.

(c) The domestic air services have been deregulated by the Government but it has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines wiith a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.As such the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of RDGs issued by the Government.